



# Tamil Americans United

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### **Sri Lankan State need transformation and Tamils demand long-term political solution, before Tamil Diaspora provides their Expertise and Financial Resources**

Rajapaksa's overtures to the Tamil diaspora come as Sri Lanka faces an economic crisis that has plunged the island into poverty. Amidst falling reserves and soaring prices of basic goods forced the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) to have a dialogue with Tamil lawmakers. Only a few members of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) participated in the meeting with the failing president of Sri Lanka. The establishment of a North-East Development Fund with investment from the Tamil diaspora was floated by a member of TNA. We request that any future discussion between the Government of Sri Lanka and Tamils should include all major Tamil national parties and Tamil Civil societies since TNA is not the sole representative for the entire Tamil population in the North and East. As diaspora Tamils, we would also like to point out that of the 14 founding member organizations of Global Tamil Forum (GTF), 13 organizations have left GTF. Therefore, GTF no longer represents the Tamil diaspora, in particular Tamil Americans.

As indigenous people, continuously living more than two thousand years in their traditional homeland, Tamils in Eelam have the right to self-determination. Eelam Tamils' sovereignty and their territorial integrity must be respected first by the Sri Lankan state, before considering any form of help for development by the Tamil diaspora.

The Eelam Tamil diaspora is estimated to be more than one-million. We are spread across the globe and have been seeking a credible international independent justice mechanism to investigate mass atrocities, in particular genocide, committed against Tamils by the Sri Lankan State during and after the war.

After forcing us out of our homeland, torturing, raping and killing us, now the Sri Lankan state needs our help? Sinhala Buddhist extremism brought down Sri Lanka to this state and Sinhala people also have started to realize it. Singapore founding father Lee Kuan Yew, foretold the demise of Sri Lanka as a country due to Sri Lankan state's extremists ideology<sup>1</sup>. Tamils played a major role in the political and economic front in creating the modern Singapore<sup>2</sup>. Given the level of militarisation, impunity and corruption on the island, there are reservations about investing in any such diaspora fund, especially if the Sri Lankan state is involved in its current form.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/mahinda-rajapaksa-is-a-sinhalese-extremist-lee-kuan-yew/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://tamilculture.com/ceylon-tamils-sri-lanka-contributed-singapore-years/>

The wealth of the Tamil Eelam Tamils in the diaspora is greater than the entire Sri Lankan economy. The Government of Sri Lanka is trying to tap our wealth. We, the Eelam Tamils, need a permanent political solution through a third-party mediation and an internationally conducted and monitored referendum to ensure the non-recurrence and offer the Tamils full protection, freedom, and sovereignty. Until then, Tamils will not and should not engage or invest in Sri Lanka. All the major Tamil American Organizations, including TAU-PAC, have recently defined the parameters of the political solution in "[Declaration of Common Principles of Tamils](#)".

Remember the history of all the accords signed with the GoSL. All of them were disregarded, none of them were implemented, not even a small part of them.

Until our homeland is free, our investments and our people will never be safe. It is time that Sinhalese leaders realize the folly of their genocidal policies against Tamils and learn to share the resources of the island with Tamils as equals. Recognizing the Tamil Nation and their homeland by Sri Lanka is what the Tamil diaspora demand for it to help for a prosperous future for Sri Lanka.